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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY CONTINUING EDUCATION AT PLTS

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, is offering several courses for pastors, congregation members, and lay church professionals. Pre-registration: Registrar Ardelle Hester, PLTS, 2770 Marin Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708-1597; (415) 524-5264, ext. 46. Assistance in finding housing is available. The following courses are offered:

"Youth Ministry" Jan 15-19
"Discipling in the Parish" Jan 22-26
"Ministry with Older Adults" Jan 30

More detailed information on these courses is available in the synod office.

DEEPENING OUR OWN SPIRITUAL LIVES

The Center for Spiritual Development in Seattle is offering a lunchtime support group from 12:15-2 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, January 11-February 15 to share journeys, talk about what draws us to God and what holds us back, address ways of becoming more open, and learn the rudiments of Centering Prayer. If you register by January 3, the cost is $80; $90 after. Call 329-6700.

On May 4-6, Thomas Keating will return to Seattle to lead his last conference in this area for spiritual leaders interested in exploring and learning about Centering Prayer. The purpose of the conference is to awaken in church leaders and others the contemplative dimension of the Gospel with its dynamic capacity for transformation, purification and healing in Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING EVENT

Dr.Keith Olson will lead this regional training

event at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah on January 22-24, sponsored by the Region I Youth Ministry Committee. It is designed for all adults who work with youth: pastors, youth directors, Christian educators, sponsors, parents, and Sunday School teachers. Cost is $90 per person. Continuing education credit is available through LITE and undergraduate credit through LBI. Dr. Olson's four sessions are "Families with Teenagers: Why They Work..or Blow Up," "Gulp...Now Do I Do?", "Family Counseling Skills That Work", and "The Family Problem-Solving Meeting". Registration materials were sent to congregations in early December.

PARTNERS FOR NURTURE WORKSHOP

A reminder to be sure your congregation has signed up its educators to attend this annual workshop to be held January 27 at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah. Nearly 45 different workshops will be available throughout the day. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by January 20. Registrations received after that date will not include lunch in the fee of $12 per registrant. Contact the following people with questions:

Program: Barbara Smith, 823-2727
Registration: Brian Beistel, 364-2510
Teacher Award: Roger Steinke, 488-9606

UPCOMING COURSES OFFERED BY LITE

Detailed information regarding the Interim Course for Laity in January at PLU, and the winter term offerings, is available in the Winter issue of "FOCUS" from the LITE office. Be sure to register for the courses which interest you. In our synod, the following courses are offered:

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LITE COURSES (continued):

FEBRUARY 23-25 (BELLINGHAM AREA): An area-wide event with Bishop Herb Chilstrom; contact Gary Grafwallner, 733-1277.

FEBRUARY 8 (MT. VERNON AREA): "Pre-Lenten Text Study Day" taught by Pastor Dan Erlander; contact Mark Johnson, 424-6832.

JANUARY 4-FEBRUARY 22 (RENTON/SOUTH SEATTLE AREA): "The Wonderful and Mysterious Dorothy L. Sayers" taught by Pastor Nancy Winder; contact Martha Myers, 226-1751.

JANUARY 18-FEBRUARY 15 (SEATTLE METRO AREA): "Church and Culture" taught by Dr. John Schiller; contact Pastor Clem Pera, 937-9330.

JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 2 SPECIAL SKI/STUDY RETREAT: Study the Lent-Easter pericopes in addition to some fun, fellowship, and recreation; contact Pastor Barry Rogge, 272-1538.

WORKSHOP ON AGING

Magnolia Lutheran, Seattle, will host the workshop, "The Aging Family: Challenges and Concerns," conducted by Marty Richards. Four one-hour sessions dealing with different facets of aging will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on January 9, 16, 23, and 30. Cost for the entire series is $5.00/person. Call 284-0155.

SECOND CAREER MINISTRY EXPLORATION

"At My Age?", a conference for people exploring pastoral ministry as a second career, will be offered the weekend of February 9-11 on the campus of LBI. Sponsored by Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in cooperation with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, the conference is designed to enable peple to understand how God calls individuals to ministry, with opportunities to assess personal gifts and to consider the preparation needs for pastoral ministry. Participants will also visit with second-career seminarians and pastors. Contact Pastor Lou Flessner, Director of Admissions at Luther Northwestern, (612) 641-3422. Cost is $75/person or $140/couple, which covers food, housing, and career testing.

PREPARE/ENRICH WORKSHOP

LSSW Northwest area is offering this workshop as a non-threatening counseling tool to assess relationship strengths and problematic areas. Participants will be trained to administer, interpret, and counsel with three inventories: "Prepare"--for couples planning to marry; "Prepare-MC"--for marriages where children are involved; and "Enrich"--for marriage enrichment and couples seeking counseling. Call Fran Davis, 365-2700.

Date: Tuesday, February 6

Cost: $95.00, includes lunch and manual

FEBRUARY RETREATS AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

Register in advance for the following retreats (limited to 30 participants) by writing to Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98816. Rates, which include room, board and registration, are $30 for one night, $28/night for two or more nights, and $165 for one week.

PASTOR'S PRE-LENTEN RETREAT--Feb 5-9

SINGLE SAINTS CELEBRATING RELATIONSHIPS--February 16-19

WORSHIP AND LLITURGY: TREASURE OR EARTHEN VESSEL--February 19-23

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The annual Early Childhood Education Conference sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (NW Area) is scheduled for LBI in Issaquah on March 2-3. This conference will be a resource for staff professionals working in the field of early childhood education in congregations. For more information, contact Bob Moylan, 392-0400.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY--THE QUEST FOR SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS

St. Luke Medical Center in Bellevue is offering a workshop called "Beginnings" on the first Saturday of each month, as the first of a four-part series. "Beginnings" will provide the opportunity to explore your personal spiritual history and its effect on your spiritual life today. It will prepare you for in-depth work on spiritual struggles, with the goal of fostering growth and maturity throughout the whole of your spiritual life. Contact Dr. Richard Anderson, 455-5515.

ACADEMY FOR EVANGELISTS

Plan ahead for the fourth annual conference of the Academy for Evangelists to be held at three locations: Trinity Lutheran Seminary, June 11-15, 1990; Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, June 18-22 Pacific 1990; Lutheran Theological Seminary, July 16-20, 1990. This year's theme is "Evangelization...More Than Talk!". Scholarships will be available for pastors and AIMs who are persons of color or language other than English or who serve congregations whose ministry focuses on persons of color or language. Contact Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 East Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43209; (614) 235-4136.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DRAMA ON KING 5 TV

The Religious Broadcasting Commission will present "Thirteenth Christmas", an original drama for the holiday season shot entirely on location in Seattle, on Saturday, December 23, 7-8 p.m. It is the story of a young girl's efforts to reconcile the conflicting pressures of family, religious and cultural expectations at Christmas time. Written by Emmy-Award winning writer Alice Ray, this drama tackles the issues of alcoholism, poverty, and faith with sensitivity and realism.

BELLINGHAM CONGREGATIONS CELEBRATE 100 YRS

Three congregations in Bellingham are celebrating their Centennial in 1990: Central, Our Saviour's, and St. John's. They are sponsoring some events together. The theological conference (mentioned above in the LITE announcement) February 23-25 is one joint event. Other events will be held throughout the year, so watch for more announcements.

LUTHERAN COUNSELING NETWORK

Lutheran Counseling Network is a group of caring professionals with M.S. or Ph.D. levels of training who do individual, couple, and family therapy. They have offices from Federal Way to Everett and over to Issaquah. In addition to therapy, they provide various educational programs for churches and community groups.

New to the LCN staff in 1989 are Suzanne D. Morris, M.A. (Ballard/Phinney Ridge); Anne Campbell, M.T.S. (Federal Way/Auburn); Rob Welch, M.P.H., Ph.D. (Capitol Hill); and Michelle Nelson Sinn, M.A. (Everett).

LCN has a sliding fee scale, and any donations to the satellites go to support low fee clients obtaining or continuing therapy. The office numbers are as follows: Seattle, 364-1046; Bellevue, 455-2960; Federal way, 839-0344; Everett, 258-2955; and Renton/Kent, 271-9711.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION JANUARY 17

All clergy and lay professional workers are requested and expected to attend the Bishop's Convocation on Wednesday, January 17 at Bethel of Shoreline Lutheran Church, 17418-8th Ave. NE, Seattle, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A separate mailing will be sent in early January with a registration form.

The topic for the day will be a discussion of a new draft document from the ELCA Division for Ministry entitled "Expectations of Ordained Ministers". Even though the draft document is directed toward ordained clergy, Bishop Knutson is requesting that our Associates in Ministry attend the convocation. Similar expectations for AIMs will also be forthcoming. A copy of the draft will be mailed out prior to the convocation.

CANADIAN WORSHIP CONFERENCE

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada has issued an invitation to their 3rd Biennial Worship Conference tos be held in Calgary, Alberta, July 30-August 3, 1990. Contact the synod office for more information.

KENNON CALLAHAN EVANGELISM SEMINAR

Dr. Kennon Callahan will highlight his well-known seminar, "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", January 26-27, 1990, at St. Luke Lutheran in Federal Way. This seminar is sponsored by the Northwest District LC-MS, and will focus in depth on 5 of the 12 keys. (continued next page)

CALLAHAN SEMINAR (cont.)

Our synod Evangelism Committee strongly encourages those pastors and congregations who did not participate in the synod-sponsored Callahan evangelism workshop last February to make every effort to attend this one. Because Bishop Knutson, through our Evangleism Committee, has invited Dr. Callahan to a "round two" workshop on February 1-2, 1991, it is hoped that pastors and congregations will have already experienced the foundational presentation by Dr. Callahan.

1990 WESTERN STATES YOUTH GATHERING

Don't forget to sign up the youth from your congregation to attend the 1990 Western States Youth Gathering June 30-July 6, 1990. The contact person for our synod is Cathy Nelso, 885-1810. A promotional video is available from the regional office (Christine), 624-0093.

TAX TIME ALREADY??

A recent article in Seeds for the Parish announced that the ABINGDON CLERGY INCOME TAX GUIDE, one of the most popular clergy tax guides, is ready for those early birds who file before April 15. The 1990 edition for 1989 returns provides the latest tax information, including a step-by-step look at the new income tax code revisions.

Order (code 40-342-1) for $7.50 plus postage from Augsburg Fortress, 778-1552.

ELCA FOUNDATION

A reminder that Norm Landvik is our Area Representative. He is available to speak to people in your area regarding the ELCA Foundation. Call him at the Region I office, 624-0093, for your scheduling, or for information regarding the Foundation.

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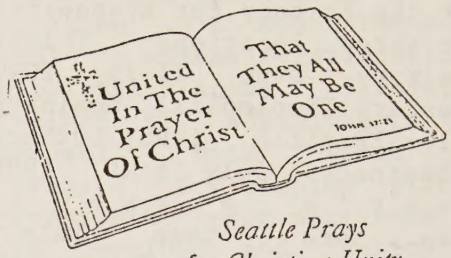
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



Seattle Prays for Christian Unity

Included with this issue of "Soundings" is a bulletin insert for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A service to celebrate this annual observance will be held at St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245-10th East, Seattle, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 21. This event will bring together Christians of many denominations who desire to pray and sing as one body in Christ, while recognizing our rich diversity. Featured speaker will be Dr. Rodney Romney, a well known local, national and international speaker and pastor of First Baptist Church. A massed choir will also be a part of this truly inclusive celebration of Christian unity. Don't miss it!

CBS RADIO TO BROADCAST PLU CHOIRS

PLU musicians will be featured during the annual CBS radio "Cavalcade of Christmas Music" broadcast. Tune in to KIRO 71 AM on Christmas Day at 9:06 a.m. and again at 1:06 p.m. PLU's Choir of the West, University Chorale, a local children's choir, and members of the University Symphony Orchestra will be heard.

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES IN EVERETT

Prince of Peace Lutheran announces its Winter Speaker Series, focusing on families. Dr. Roland Martinson, professor of Pastoral Theology and Ministry at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker for a series of three evening presentations February 4-6, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Suggested donation is $3.00/person/presentation.

A special session for pastors, preschool directors, AIMs and spouses is scheduled

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES (cont.)
for Tuesday, February 6 at 9 a.m. To register, call 337-6663.

FLESNER SETTLES SUIT AGAINST THE STATE

In an act of great pastoral integirty, Chaplain Vern Flesner has settled his lawsuit with the State of Washington, citing substantial improvements in procedures used to deport alien detainees. The settlement involves expunging Vern's personnel file, paying his attorney, and giving him two months' back pay. He is now employed by the churches of the Olympia area as chaplain to The Evergreen State College.

AN EVENT FOR HOLDENITES

St. Andrew's Lutheran in Bellevue announces a special event. On Sunday, February 11, a potluck dinner will begin the evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Holden Vespers at 7 p.m. All Holdenites invited! Call 746-2529 for more information.

REGARDING CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS

The Synod's Constitution has now been approved by the ELCA Church Council. The Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters will begin holding the promised area meetings to discuss possible revisions to congregational constitutions in relation to the ELCA model. (Please refer to the letter you received last March.) Please alert your congregation's constitution committee to summarize its work in preparation for a meeting with the synod committee in the spring of 1990.

HEAR THE LATEST NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR

Persons recently returned from El Salvador will speak twice in the next few weeks. An Episcopalian, Josie Beecher, and a Lutheran, Tom Gabriel, will share their impressions of the church under persecution in El Salvador. They will speak December 27 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, beginning with a light supper at 6:15 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. (call 323-0300); and January 9 at St. Paul's Episcopal, 18th and Kincaid, Mt. Vernon (424-1822), beginning with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Josie Beecher can be reached at 325-4200.

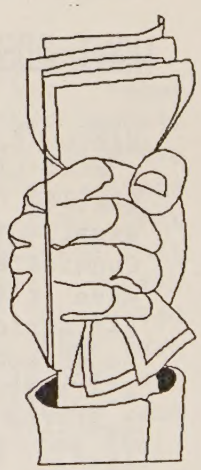
LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC CAMP RECEIVES $250,000 GRANT

A grant from Aid Association for Lutherans will assist those wishing to attend the month-long program for high school students at Lutheran Summer Music Camp. The camp features intensive instruction in classical music by college-level teachers and directors.

The 1990 camp will be held June 24-July 21 at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. Information may be obtained from LMP Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, John Lunde, 2225 Washington St., Lincoln, NE 68502; (402) 474-7177.

ELCA INCOME SHORTFALL AFFECTS PROGRAMS

The ELCA expects to have 60 fewer missionaries in 1990 than it had in 1988. It plans to start 25 fewer new congregations than it did in 1989. Both are the result of the shortfall in income the church has been experiencing. The more than $15 million shortfall in 1988 and the projection of another shortfall in 1989 has led to staff reductions and a variety of program cuts outlined in a report based on the adjusted spending plans of churchwide units.



Approximately two-thirds of the 330 newly organized congregations which get support from the ELCA will receive reductions in that support in 1990. Next year, 223 urban ministries will receive support instead of the 263 that received support in 1989. Support to 97 of these ministries will be reduced. Requests for support from an additional 23 ministries will not be approved.

Forty-five of the 96 rural congregations projected to receive support in 1990 will experience an average 9% reduction in that support. Additional requests will not be approved.

Recommendations for grants to seminaries are 12% or $600,000 less. Grants to ELCA colleges ar expected to be reduced by $266,000, 1.5% less than 1988.

ELCA INCOME SHORTFALL (cont.)

Program grants for social ministry organizations are expected to be almost totally eliminated.

Although some units still must determine their grants to inter-Lutheran and ecumenical agencies, decisions already made show the following reductions: Lutheran World Federation--$598,000; Lutheran World Relief--$437,000; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service--$35,000; World Council of Churches--$55,000; National Council of Churches--$41,000; interchurch/interfaith agencies--$259,000.

Additional program reductions, reduced support services for congregations and synods, discontinued or reduced number or size of gatherings, reduction or elimination for various program and interpretive materials, and reduction of scholarships and internship funding are also planned.

WANT ADS

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE (CHAPLAIN)

Full-time position available in a skilled nursing facility known for excellent care and loving spirit. Candidates must be ordained ELCA clergy; have training in long-term care and/or geriatrics, or two years of chaplaincy experience; three years of parish ministry; a minimum of 4 units of CPE. Creative ability to innovatively plan and lead worship services; excellent counseling skills; ability to promote relationships with congregations and the community.

Send letter of application and resume only to Pastoral Care Search, Columbia Lutheran Home, 4700 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle, WA 98103.

ORGANIST

Magnolia Lutheran, Seattle, has an opening for an organist to play a new Balcom Vaughn organ at two services. Send resumes to Magnolia Lutheran Church, 2414-31st West, Seattle, WA 98199; 284-0155.

REGIONAL OFFICE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Persons who could be available for assistance with mailings and/or other occasional volunteer work at the Regional Center for Mission office are encouraged to telephone 624-0093 and ask for Erma.

COORDINATOR POSITION

Lutheran Peace Fellowship invites applications for full-time coordinator. Application deadline is February 15, 1990. Compensation includes subsistence salary and major medical coverage. Start date is June 1. Contact LPF to receive an application packet, including a complete job description, compensation guidelines, and application materials. Write to Lutheran Peace Fellowship, 2481 Como Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55108; (612) 644-1140.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Worship Committee of the Synod Board of Congregational Life seeks new members interested in liturgy, music, church architecture, etc. If interested, please call the chair of the Committee, Pastor Jim McEachran, 746-2529.

FREE ITEMS

Maple Leaf, Seattle, has an upright piano to donate (value $500). Call Helen Bangsund, 523-8127.

Faith, Redmond, would like to donate an addressograph in good condition. Call 885-1800.

EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

A member of Immanuel, Seattle, is seeking a position as a painter, groundskeepr, etc. at a camp or retreat center, willing to relocate anywhere. Call Ernest Therriault, 763-3519.

PARISH SECRETARY

St. John, Seattle, has an opening for a Parish Secretary, 20 hours/week with the possibility of increased hours at a later time. Salary dependent upon experience. Send resume to St. John Lutheran Church, 5515 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle, WA 98103; or call 784-1040. Interviews will take place in January.

NEW ELCA MISSIONARY RECRUITMENT

Division for Global Mission is recruiting/selecting candidates (cont.)